

**Metropolitan Education Commission
Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, August 4, 2016, 7:30 a.m.
MEC Office, 930 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson, AZ.**

MINUTES

Attendance: Members present: Dr. June Webb-Vignery, Pat Wiedhopf, Bill Ardern, Dr. Kasey Urquidez, Paul Lovelis
Members absent: George Favela, Deborah Embry
Non-members present: Edward Nossem, Felicia Ramirez, Grace Gegenheimer

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – PAT WIEDHOPF

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL – PAT WIEDHOPF

Roll call was conducted; a quorum was established.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – PAT WIEDHOPF

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was recited by all attendees.

4.0 APPROVAL OF JULY 7, 2016 MEETING MINUTES – PAT WIEDHOPF

Motion to approve: Bill Ardern

Second: Dr. Kasey Urquidez

Motion approved unanimously.

5.0 MEC RETREAT – PAT WIEDHOPF

The MEC Retreat will take place on SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2016 at the University of Arizona Student Union Tucson/Catalina Rooms, from 7:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Pima County Supervisor Richard Elias cannot attend; we will contact Pima County Supervisor Sharon Bronson to see if she can deliver a Welcome on behalf of Pima County.

The Executive Board approved the Retreat Agenda.

All of the participating Helios CKGI district superintendents are scheduled to attend and present the panel discussion.

Jen Darland will facilitate the Education Funding Breakout session; Paul Lovelis will facilitate the YAC/TTC Breakout, and Pat Wiedhopf will facilitate the RCAC Breakout.

We have 19 student representatives from school districts scheduled to attend (Amphi, Catalina Foothills, Flowing Wells, Nogales, Marana, Sunnyside, TUSD, and Vail), along with most of the current YAC/TTC membership.

6.0 COOPER CENTER PROPOSAL – PAT WIEDHOPF

Tucson Unified School District has contacted the MEC to be the Fiscal Agent for an Angel Charities grant to support the expansion/renovation of the University of Arizona's Cooper Environmental Center, and a budget has been drawn up that covers the MEC's administrative overhead. The MEC Executive Director would oversee the project. The

MEC could benefit through the YAC/TTC's involvement with Cooper Center activities. There is a 10-year Deed of Trust which TUSD will sign. A contract has been drafted, which the MEC Executive Board discussed; the provision regarding Angel Charities restrictions on other MEC fundraising has been resolved; the TUSD attorney has sent a letter stating that the MEC's status as a pass-through will not keep the MEC from any separate fundraising activities. They have indicated that the MEC's participation as fiscal pass-through is very important.

7.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Collaborations – Dr. June Webb-Vignery

The CKGI is moving very fast; Dr. Kasey Urquidez has requested that a video be made of the CKGI presentation at the MEC Retreat.

7.2 Budget - Bill Ardern

The budget is tracking appropriately. We are awaiting word on the federal Talent Search Grant.

7.3 Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon – Dr. June Webb-Vignery

We have reserved Friday, April 28, 2017 at the Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel for next year's event, and the catering contract has been signed. The Lifetime Achievement Committee will meet on August 24th to select the 2017 Honoree. The Lifetime Achievement Committee will entertain any suggestions from the MEC Executive Board. The first round of fundraising letters will be sent out the third week of August.

7.4 Issues – George Favela

We will be watching for further developments on Proposition 123.

7.5 RCAC – David Rodriguez

We are finalizing the COT Community Services contract, which will cover Felicia Ramirez full-time salary. The Student Ambassador training sessions, conducted by AmeriCorps RCAC assistant Frannie Neal, at PCC West Campus, went very well.

7.6 Appointments – Deborah Embry

Reappointments:

Dr. Kasey Urquidez, University of Arizona

Dr. Alan Storm, Pima County School Superintendents

New Appointment:

Jessica Kull, Arizona Education Association, Teachers Grades 5-9, replacing Jennifer Flores

Resignation: Jo Riester, Educational Foundations

Vacancies:

Sun Corridor

Youth Commissioner

7.7 YAC/TTC – Paul Lovelis

Most of the YAC/TTC members are expected to attend the MEC Retreat; if we get enough new members from the student school superintendent representatives we should have a full complement of members for 2016-2017. We have been discussing additional activities for the year involving the Tucson Mayor & Council and Pima County Board of Supervisors meeting agenda items, the youth

can provide input into the discussions through Call to the Audience or as agenda items. We have also discussed inviting local state legislators and a school board member to attend a YAC/TTC meeting, in addition to Mayor, City Council, and Board of Supervisors members. We will also try to get some more diverse political representation at the Teen Town Hall, which will take place on Friday, October 21st at Catalina High School Auditorium.

7.8 Key to Employment Symposium – Dr. June Webb-Vignery

The 2017 K2E will take place on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at the UA Student Union. MEC staff met with K2E Coordinator Johanna Duffek on 7/06/16 to begin the planning process. We are awaiting word from Samsung on a Sponsorship.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT – PAT WIEDHOPF

Motion to approve: Dr. Kasey Urquidez

Second: Paul Lovelis

Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.